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SUBJECT: CONOCO OIL FIND AT LAKE CHAD

REF: LAGOS 932

1. FOR LAGOS:FYI: IN RECENT CONTACTS WITH DEPTOFFS, CONOCO
OFFICIALS HERE HAVE INDICATED THAT LATEST OF THEIR THREE

OIL FINDS IN CHAD (IN KANEM AREA, NEAR NORTHERN SHORE OF
LAKE CHAD) IS VERY ENCOURAGING. LATEST WELL HAS BEEN
TESTED AT FLOW RATE OF 8000 BARRELS/DAY OF CRUDE/GAS/CON-
DENSATE. RESERVES FOR KANEM FIELD NOW ESTIMATED AT 300
MILLION BARRELS, AND RESERVES OF 500 MILLION BARRELS ARE
ESTIMATED FOR ALL OF CHAD. CONOCO FEELS THAT MINIMUM
RESERVES OF 800-1000 MILLION BARRELS WOULD BE NECESSARY
BEFORE CONSTRUCTION OF PIPELINE TO COAST (PROBABLY THROUGH
CAMEROON) WOULD BE FEASIBLE. END FYI.

2. FOR N'DJAMENA:FYI: IN ADDITION TO WACASC CONTRACT, PA
AFRICAN AIRLINES ALSO PROVIDES COMPLETE FIXED WING AIRCRAFT
AND HELICOPTER SERVICE TO GULF OIL IN NIGERIA. END FYI. KISSINGER

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